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### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

- In the prior art flash butt welderheads clamp rails to provide electrical contact, heating cycle movement and forging force using quadrants. Rail stretching generally requires a separate mechanism with a frame, and clamps to apply a stretching force. The stretching